

**TIPPECANOE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 6, 2011**

The Emergency Management Advisory Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room of the County Office Building. Advisory Council members present were Co-Chairman John Withers, Commissioner David Byers, Captain Mike Frances, Dave Reagan, Ron Wright, Jim Kesterson, Perry Martin, and Kenny McCleary. Also present : TEMA Director Wm. “Smokey” Anderson and Secretary Dawn Rivera.

Co-Chairman Withers called the meeting to order and announced the appointment of Kenny McCleary as a replacement for Tim Rytlewski.

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the appointment of Kenny McCleary, second by Mike Frances; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Dave Reagan moved to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2011 meeting as presented, second by Mike Francis; motion carried.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Anderson reported the following items:

- TEMA Technician Marty Webb is attending the All Hazards Incident Team Conference in San Diego.
- Marty was recently promoted to Deputy Director effective January 1, 2012. Applications are currently being accepted to fill the Technician position vacancy due to Marty’s promotion. The position should be filled by the beginning of January, 2012.
- He and Marty attended the EMA conference meetings in Indianapolis in October.
- In mid October, the Commissioners amended the transportation ordinance to reflect emergency levels of Advisory, Watch, and Warning, making all counties within the state uniform.
- Through a grant, a new satellite dish was installed on the Mobile Operation Command (MOC) unit at the cost of \$18,000. It has been used several times, is very quick and a great addition.
- He and Marty attended a Damage Assessment Class in Peru, Indiana. The State wants at least five people within District 4 trained in damage assessments to assist in other counties. The team should be established and trained by June, 2012.
- TEMA assisted with the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Tippecanoe.
- The Quarterly District Planning Commission (DPC) meeting was held.
- Juvenile Alternatives will move out of a large portion of the basement of the 629 building. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will set up there and it will be powered to the generator and have internet connections and also a conference room.
- The department assisted with Purdue football games and the Christmas parade.

- He is working on an agreement with the Parks Department to use equipment and personnel in case of an emergency.

DISTRICT TASK FORCE

Co-Chairman John Withers commented the State wants the Task Force to be self sufficient for up to a week in the field, which means taking tents, all food, water, and supplies. The State is providing funding for the equipment and ongoing maintenance. The Task Force will be required to meet the State's minimum requirements. Upgrades to the radio equipment for the MOC and a commissary trailer to deploy for food and water are available. As a test of capabilities, the Task Force will deploy to Muscatatuck in April for two full days. Smokey confirmed approximately 80 people will convoy down and provide own meals and supplies. There will be other districts attending in April, which the Task Force would rely on when assistance is needed. The issue of fuel during deployment was discussed and is being worked on. The subject of equipment the Task Force needs was clarified by Director Anderson as the Bobcat, pickup trucks, and tow vehicles. If graders, front end loaders or similar equipment is needed, equipment would be obtained from the County or State. On the law enforcement side, request for back up assistance at the Super Bowl has been requested.

SIRENS

Ron Wright reported on the sirens at Purdue. Two new were installed and five were replaced with the new version. The two new are located on the north side at the Grand Prix track and on the south side at the Physical Service Facility building. Those will need to be added to the maps.

Director Anderson reported the results of the siren test from last Saturday. There were at least five that didn't work. Some sirens work all the time and some are intermittent. Boards can now be reprogrammed or added in the field. Upgrades should be complete as soon as the 2012 budget contract is approved.

Dave Reagan discussed revisiting additional funding of sirens as housing and apartment growth is increasing. In the past, discussions were held about funding and placing sirens in new developments and specific neighborhoods. Funding attached to building permits has been discussed in the past and could possibly be revisited. Sirens are sitting in corn fields with the idea of predicted growth. Dave Byers stated the subject has been brought up to the Ordinance Committee and is under review.

Dave Reagan added due to the cost and chance of damage, the existing sirens should not be moved. Technology is going to change with cell phone use and texting. Sirens are just one method - they are the quickest for outside but are now supplemented with a text message which appears to be working well. Dave Byers suggested promoting the weather radio, especially for homes and inside communication. The weather radios cost \$20-30 each and there are a couple of hundred around Purdue doing a good job. The State provided approximately 60 in May and another 60 recently, which will go to residents of low income and manufactured housing.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Byers reopened the discussion of bi-monthly meetings, which would be January, March, and so forth. Dave Reagan stated the meetings used to be bi-monthly but returned to monthly due to issues needing attention. The proxy issue was discussed and was permissible.

- Dave Byers moved to adopt bi-monthly meetings beginning January, 2012, second by Perry Martin; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to report.

Dave Reagan moved to adjourn, second by Mike Francis; meeting adjourned.